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Linking of Saharsa with Vayudoot Service

*59. SHRI SURYA NARAYAN YADAV : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government propose to link Saharsa Commissionary of Northern Bihar with Vayudoot service.

(b) if so, the time by which the said commissionary would be linked with other parts of the country by Vayudoot service ; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAV RAO SCINDIA) : (a) to (c) Due to the heavy losses being sustained by it, Vayudoot has been compelled to reduce its network drastically. The airlinking of new stations is not a feasible proposition for Vayudoot at the present juncture.

Criteria for Rural Electrification

*60. SHRI SANTOSH GANGWAR : Will the Minister of POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state :

(a) whether any criteria have been laid down by the Central Electricity Authority for the electrification of villages and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether it is a fact that a village is treated as electrified even without giving electricity connections to the villagers living there ;

(c) whether the Government have directed the States to treat a village as electrified even if it has been provided only a single electricity connection ; and

(d) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF SATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI KALP NATH RAI) : (a) to (d) According to the existing definition of village electrification, a village is treated as electrified, even if one service connection has been provided within the revenue boundary of the village.

Allocation of Railway Land on Tehbazari in Izzatnagar

136. SHRI SANTOSH GANGWAR : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the railway land in the Izzatnagar division of North Eastern Railway has been allotted on tehbazari basis ;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor ;

(c) the criteria adopted for allotment of land for this purpose ;

(d) whether such allotments are reviewed from time to time ; and

(e) if so, the details therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C. K. JAFFER SHARIEF) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A plot of railway land measuring about 51,150 sq. ft. at Izzatnagar has been licensed for tehbazari since 1976. This has been done for the purpose of earning revenue from the land and also providing shopping

facilities to the residents of the Railway Staff Colony.

(c) As per extant rules, existing licences on tehbazari basis have been allowed to continue as long as the land is not required by the Railway for development works.

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(e) Tehbazari licences are reviewed annually and renewed subject to spareability of land and clearance of the dues by licencees.

(d) Yes, Sir.

Air India's Approach to IATA Against British Airways

137. SHRI SANAT KUMAR MANDAL : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state :

(a) whether the attention of the Government has been drawn to the news item captioned "AI to approach IATA against British Airways ad blitz" appearing in the Calcutta edition of "Business Standard" dated 27th March, 1991 and state ;

(b) whether it is a fact that Air India approached the International Air Travel Authority (IATA) in a bid to prevent the British Airways from flying out passengers from India free of cost ;

(c) if so, the outcome thereof ; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor and the details of steps taken to check such unhealthy trade practice by foreign Airlines operation from India ?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAV RAO SCINDIA) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) The offer was made without prior approval and hence the DGCA took up the matter with the British Airways. After considering their reply, the DGCA has advised British Airways that in future they should take *prior approval of the DGCA in accordance with the provisions of the Aircraft Rules, 1937 before such offers* are made.

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Rural Electrification of Bahraich District in Uttar Pradesh

138. SHRI RUDRASEN CHAUDHARY : Will the Minister of POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state :

(a) whether any survey has been conducted for the total electrification of Bahraich district in Uttar Pradesh during 1990-91 ;

(b) if so, the details thereof ;

(c) the number of electrified and unelectrified villages in the district ; and

(d) the total number of villages electrified during 1990-91 ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI KALP NATH RAI) : (a) and (b) Rural Electrification Programmes are formulated and executed by the respective State Electricity Boards according to the priorities fixed by the State authorities.